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In re CIP Application of:	)
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Sir:

## PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME UNDER 37 CFR 1.136(a)

Applicants hereby petition for a two-month Extension of Time to respond to the Office Action mailed 18 December 2003, thereby extending the time to respond to 18 May 2004. A responsive document accompanies this Petition.

A check in the amount of \$420 is enclosed herewith to cover the applicable fee for a two-month extension of time as set forth in 37 CFR 1.17(a). Please charge any deficit or credit any excess to our Deposit Account No. 02-0460.

Respectfully submitted,

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